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Alaska—The following is an extract from a letter received from Fr. Frank Menager:

I am at Fairbanks, the last important station on the railroad in Northern Alaska. So far I have traveled over two thousand miles from Seattle. From Seward I took the gasoline line up to Anchorage, where I remained until Monday afternoon. It was a pleasant visit with Fr. Markham, the pastor. I helped him on Sunday. He has only a small congregation, as Anchorage, like most of the towns of Southern Alaska, is going down, but he is doing fine work and all the people, Catholics and Protestants, have the highest regard for him. He has been in Alaska for more than twelve years and knows the country very well, so that I was able to get much information from him. In most of the towns of Southern Alaska I found the same situation; struggling Catholics and the pastors in financial straits. Surely, the life of a priest in those parts is a life of sacrifice, and if at any time you find a way to help them your charity will be a much-needed comfort. In any case never forget to remember them in your prayers. It is such a consoling thought for us to know that faithful Christians are with us in spirit; and prayer means so much in the supernatural work of the salvation of souls.

The city of Fairbanks, where I am now giving a Retreat to the Sisters of the hospital, is one of the nicest in Alaska. The Church is neat in appearance and of good size for those parts; right now it is adorned with flowers. If you did not hear the people talk of the long and severe winters you might think that you are in California. But don't be deceived; another month and we will begin to feel the real winter setting in. It gets so cold here that every house is fitted with double windows and air is allowed to enter the rooms only through a hole in the wall six inches in diameter. To sleep in winter with your window open would mean to wake up with your ears and nose frozen. I am told that in winter, when you go outside for a long time, you must be careful about rubbing your ears lest you tear a piece of flesh off the auricular appendage, which becomes brittle from the cold.

Today the sun is shining and the whole country is very beautiful. The flowers are in full bloom and in the garden the Sisters grow many fine vegetables. But they must be taken out soon, otherwise they will freeze and rot.

I am still a long way from my mission. On September 1st, I leave here by boat for a week's trip on the Yukon to Holy Cross, our famous mission in Northern Alaska. Fr. Delon, our Superior, told me that he has started for me a new mission on the Bering Sea, right in the heart of Eskimo land. If you want to see where it is, take a map of Alaska, find Holy Cross on the lower Yukon; then look west and you will see on the lowlands of the

coast directly south of St. Michael's, the little river, Kashunuk. Follow it right down to the sea and you will find the spot where I will be located —the Kashunuk country, just below Hooper Bay.

For the time being I am to be the only white man there. I shall have an interpreter until I can talk to the people in their own tongue, which, I hope, will be very soon. As soon as I get a picture of my place I intend to send you one.

MANRESA HALL.

On the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the first Mass was celebrated in the chapel of Manresa Hall, Port Townsend, by Rev. Fr. Provincial. Thus was begun the Tertianship for the eleven Tertian Fathers who had arrived the evening before. Several invited guests were present for the opening of the new house. Bishop O'Dea was prevented from coming for the occasion, as he celebrated on that day his thirty-first anniversary as Bishop of Seattle, but he was represented by his Chancellor, Rt. Rev. Theodore M. Ryan, an alumnus of Seattle College. The Diocesan Clergy was represented by Father Klein, pastor of the local church. Among the distinguished guests of the laity, Mayor Bangerter was present with the president of the local Chamber of Commerce, F. A. Scott; Attorney W. J. Daly, prosecuting attorney of Jefferson county, and E. Morris Starrett, of the Port Townsend Leader, were also present.

The Tertian Fathers now at Manresa Hall are: Fr. W. A. Austin, Fr. C. J. Byrne, Fr. H. J. Buckley, Fr. P. J. Cronin, Fr. P. J. Cronin, Fr. F. J. Gleeson, Fr. H. J. Geary, Fr. J. H. Howard, Fr. C. P. Owens, Fr. L. F. McGreal, Fr. J. F. Ward and Fr. D. J. Sullivan.

Carrying out Father General's wishes that a Tertianship be begun as soon as possible for the Province of California, Father Provincial purchased a three story brick building and three blocks of property in the Eisenbeis addition of Port Townsend. To this was added a few months later twelve other blocks in the immediate vicinity, making in all about twelve acres of land, and work was begun at once renovating the building for the opening of the Tertianship in September. The building was erected during the boom days of Port Townsend, some thirty years ago, when this city was the port of entry for all vessels coming to this country. A few years later, when Seattle managed to obtain nearly all the government offices, the city of Port Townsend experienced a severe setback, from which it has never recovered, and buildings and property were sold at nominal prices. The Eisenbeis residence was built at a cost of $45,000 and is in an excellent state of preservation. This building, which now houses the Tertians, is of brick, with white oak woodwork on the first two floors and redwood finishings on the third floor. It is a spacious mansion and under the direction of Fr. Edward Menager it has yielded a great amount of space for our purpose. Twenty-one spacious rooms for the Fathers and Brothers were obtained, while good-sized halls for the Chapel, library, dining room and Tertian conference room were made in the building. A new heating system was installed. An addition intended to supply space for a chapel and twenty more rooms will be begun in the near future to cope with the natural growth of the Province. The new Tertianship is situated on a little eminence overlooking the Bay of Port Townsend, about a half mile from the water's edge. Port Townsend is located on a peninsula with Puget Sound to the east, the Straits of Juan de Fuca on the north and Discovery Bay on the west. The location is ideal and the climate temperate.

According to reports from Port Townsend, the Tertians are most enthusiastic about Manersa Hall. All are more than satisfied with the rooms and the rest of the building. Fr. Charles Owens has charge of beautifying the garden and grounds.

SACRED HEAT NOVITIATE

New Building — The rough work on the section connecting the novitiate with the old building has been finished. Our building program closes with the completion of this section. Plans for the erection of the central part must of necessity be set aside.

New Novices—Up to date the total number of new novices is twenty. Eight arrived on July 30, ten on August 14, and two more since then.

Vows—On the Feast of St. Peter Claver, Brothers George Crowley and O'Hara pronounced their vows. Brother Rinn sang the "Suscipe," and the Junior choir, under the direction of Brother Kropp, sang very beautifully. Twin decorations of red flowers fringed by candles, V-shaped, lighted up the white lettered word "Voveo."

MOUNT ST. MICHAEL'S

Classes Resumed—"Schola brevis" was held on September 2, with eight-five philosophers in attendance. Of these, there are forty-four Californians, twenty-one Southern, ers, seventeen Missourians, two Canadians, and one New Yorker.

Fine Chalice Received — The mother of one of our philosophers has presented this house with a first-class chalice made by the Gorham Company of New York City. Specially designed to conform with ideas suggested by Rev. Fr. Rector, the new chalice is remarkable for its beauty and chaste simplicity. The cross at the base is set with eleven diamonds.

Philosophy Academy — The Philosophy Academy of Mount St. Michael's will hold its first meeting of the year on October 9. From that date on, the members will meet each month. The roster embraces all the philosophers at the Mount. A paper, prepared by a third year philosopher, is read at each meeting and is followed by an "extra formam" discussion in which the reader must defend his treatise against any who may wish to object against him. The method employed here leads to some very thought provoking debates. As the papers are chosen with an eye to excellence of material and of interest value, the Academy contributes much towards the training of the scholastics.

Fr. Van der Schueren—On September 6, Fr. Van der Schueren paid us a visit. He has spent some time on the Pacific coast and is now returning to Chicago, where he expects to remain for at least a year and continue his work there in connection with the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith. It will be rembered that Father Van der Schueren was in the hospital for six months, in danger of losing both of his legs on account of gangrene. He is not yet in the best of condition but is gradually improving. Though his visit at the Mount was rather brief, he was enabled to give a lecture to the philosophers assembled in the auditorium. He spoke at length on the needs and future prospects of the missions.

Missionary Society—The Missionary Society, under the direction of Mr. Mulhern, has resumed its various activities. The first two Thursdays of September have given us a total of more than eighty periods of adoration for the missions.

This year a new phase of activity has been inaugurated: the Mission Study Club. Two round table groups have been formed among the members of the Missionary Society, one to study the mission of Alaska, the other to study that in India.

Alaska mite boxes are now being distributed. We are receiving orders from schools and academies throughout the province in response to an appeal we made last year to have mite boxes introduced into the classrooms.

The lecture bureau has ready for circulation two illustrated lectures on Alaska and one on China. A third on Alaska and another entitled, "Jesuit Missions," will be ready for circulation before long.

Sodality Academy — The Sodality Academy held its opening meeting on the evening of the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin. Instead of the usual paper read at the meetings, the means used by the academy to atttain its end were explained by the secretary, Mr. Holloran, and a brief exposition of the difficulties that confront every Sodality director was presented by the president, Mr. McAtee. An outline of the coming year's program was then indicated. Father Foote addressed the members on the subject of true Sodality spirit. Rev. Father Dinand, the moderator, gave his blessing to the members and to the activities of the coming year.

EL RETIRO SAN INIGO

New Building—The new building now under course of construction is completely framed, and Messrs. Barrett and Hilp, the builders, promise occupancy on November 1st. Designed by Mr. Leo C. Devlin, it is in mission style, two stories in height with a basement garage accommodating ten cars. A large lounging

room on the first floor opens directly to the plateau to the west, soon to be laid out in a charming garden; from a large balcony on the East one commands a master view of the Santa Clara valley.

The building will afford private rooms, each with toilet and bath, for thirty-one retreatants. Each room is an outside room, each is flooded with sunlight, each offers a delightful view of valley or of mountain.

The Retreat Association owes this building to the efforts of the Finance Committee, composed of Messrs. James A. Bacigalupi, C. Nesbitt Duffy, Paul Fay, Harold L. Mack, Edward J. Tobin and Philip J. Fitzerald, secretary, and to the retreatants and non-retreatants who have subscribed sufficient funds to warrant commencement of building operations, though the total cost has not as yet been subscribed.

GONZAGA UNIVERSITY

St. Aloysius' Church—August 28 was a gala day for the parishioners of St. Aloysius and a day of triumph for the pastor, Fr. M. O'Malley. The interior decorating of the church had just been completed and a magnificent concert was given on the new $15,000 organ. The new organist, Theodore Sangar, associate of the Royal College of Organists, England, brought out all the power and richness of tone of the new instrument. The concert was followed by Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, at which Rev. Fr. Provincial was celebrant. The church was packed to overflowing; even the galleries were crowded.

The decorating of the church was done under the direction of William J. Solby, who stated that the new interior is the finest example of 15th century Italian architecture in the Northwest. In the interior the principle work was the refinishing of the dome and walls, the setting of the main altar and the two side altars in gold leaf and bronze striping. The arch of the nave has been redecorated in rose cream, while the plastic ornamentation, including the cornices, -has been done in poly chrome with the predominating colors, blue, gold, red and bronze. The walls of the nave and the east and west transpts have been given the effect of large sandstone blocks through the use of Itali-Travertine treatment. The Romanesque architecture of the church lent itself to the color treatment that was used. The redecorating and the new organ cost about $22,000.

High School—On September 6th, Gonzaga High school opened with a very large registration. At the present writing, September 20, the number of high school students has reached the 370 mark. Ninety of these are in the senior year, the largest graduating class in the history of Gonzaga High School.

Improvements—During the summer vacations, thanks to the energy displayed by Father Eline and Mr. John Dunne, some striking improvements were made in the part of the main building occupied by the high school. Beautifully designed linoleum has been laid, covering the whole of the main corridor. The lavatory was completely renovated. The students' dining room, too, has been beautifully arranged. The tables and chairs have been painted with white enamel, and the walls and floors are spotlessly clean. The students are delighted with these improvements.

All the boarders of the College department are lodged in DeSmet Hall. The large dormitory in the main building has been completely renovated and will hold all the boarders of the high school. The small dormitory will be used for the museum.

College — The College department opened on September 19th, with a very good registration. All signs point to a record year, both in the College and in the High school.

The Mass in honor of the Holy Ghost will be celebrated on September 27. The reason for this delay is that Bishop White is absent from the city, and Rev. Fr. Rector wishes to invite him to address the students on this occasion.

Anniversary—On Saturday, September 19, Gonzaga celebrated its fortieth anniversary. During the evening recreation Father Rebmann, the first Rector of Gonzaga, read some very interesting and amusing reminiscences.

Parochial School — St. Aloysius Parochial School has a remarkably large enrollment. Up to the present 380 pupils have registered. The

building, too, has undergone a complete renovation.

LOYOLA

Catholic Charities Conference — The thirteenth National Conference of Catholic Charities, assembled at Los Angeles for a five-day discussion of religious and sociological problems, was officially opened on Sunday, September 4, with High Mass in St. Vibiana's Cathedral.

The first meeting, held that evening on the campus of Loyola College, was a colossal spectacle. Long before 7:30 p. m. over 40,000 Catholics and their friends had filled the amphitheatre. Hundreds of members of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus in full dress costume lined the route as the long procession of priests and prelates filed to their places. The prelates occupied seats on the huge platform erected on the campus for the occasion. It was semi-circular in form, and elaborately constructed with a stately group of gilt columns that upheld the illuminated letters C-H-A-R-I-T-Y. The eight pillars were each fifty feet high and the platform fronting them was built to seat a thousand people. Though different in design, it rivalled the edifice erected at Soldiers' Field, Chicago, and in seating capacity and dimensions it surpassed anything of its kind before attempted in America.

Twenty-seven hundred electric candles in addition to the usual altar candles, 15000 yards of yellow, white and purple silk, 620 pennants of the same colors, together with the gleaming electric letters, the palms, ferns and evergreens are some of the details that lent splendor and beauty to the edifice.

In the middle of the platform stodd an altar marked with majestic simplicity and adorned with tapers and flowers. In front of the altar the members of the visiting hierarchy took their seats. Among those present were Archbishop Hanna, nine Bishops, a large number of Monsignori, and over four hundred priests, and many prominent laymen from all parts of the United States.

When all had reached their places on the platform, the entire audience sang the national anthem, after which Msgr. Cawley read two telegrams, one from the Holy Father and one from the chairman of the National Organization, Bishop Shahan, of Washington. He then introduced the chairman of the evening's meeting, Mr. D. Joseph Coyne, who explained the meaning of the meeting and the purpose of the organization. He in turn introduced the speaker of the evening, Bishop Cantwell, who cordially welcomed the delegates to Los Angeles, and paid tribute to the Padres of the early California missions as the Founders of a great charitable undertaking.

The next speaker was William L. Igoe, former Congressman from Missouri and president of the Metropolitan Council of St. Vincet de Paul, St. Louis, who spoke of Charity as the expression of the faith of the layman. Bernard J. Fagan, Chief Probation Officer of the Children's Court, New York City, then spoke of the child in the drifting home and admonished his audience to take particular interest in its welfare. Powerful voice amplifiers carried the speeches to the remotest parts of the amphitheatre. The speeches were followed by Solemn Pontifical Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, and the meeting was concluded by a Recessional, accompanying the prelates and clergy back to the College Hall.

UNIVERSITY OF SANTA CLARA

Enrollment—All former records for the total number of students have been broken at the University this year. At present the number in the College department alone has reached four hundred, and promises to increase still more. There are 170 in the Freshman class. The engineering and law colleges have notably increased. The evening courses in business administration and the postgraduate courses added considerably to the student body.

New Chapel—It is hoped that the new Mission Chapel will be ready by next Spring to replace the temporary Chapel in Kenna Hall. Rev. Fr. Rector announces that plans are progressing rapidly. The ruins left when the old Mission was destroyed by fire last October have been removed, and work will begin on the foundations in the near future.

Observatory—According to reports received from Vancouver, T. H. S. Shearman, meteorologist for the Canadian government and builder of the sixty-inch reflector for the Ricard

Knights of Columbus Memorial Observatory, left on August 31 for California with the giant glass. The reflector will be sent to Oakland, where it will be assembled. Thence it will be sent to the University of Santa Clara to be set up in the middle dome of the new Observatory.

The construction of the observatory is progressing rapidly. The foundation of the three domes has been completed. The central dome will be fifty feet in diameter, the end spheres twenty-five feet each. A sixteen foot corridor will connect the domes.

New Course—The new department of business administration was opened at the suggestion of the San Jose Chamber of Commerce and other civic organizations. The courses will be open to all business men. Professor Edward Kelly, assisted by Fred. G. Sauer and George K. Whitside, will take charge. For those who have received degrees in law, engineering, education, or other professions, the course leads to the degree of Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. Courses are also offered which lead to a simple business diploma. Provision has been made also for special students in this department.

Alumnus — Over two hundred Santa Clara Alumni gathered recently from all parts of the state at the North Drive of Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, to do honor to their former schoolmate, Fr. Wm. G. McKinnon, famous soldier-priest. A monument was dedicated on that occasion to the memory of the chaplain who was so much beloved by the boys who went to Manila in 1898. Frank M. Hefferman was in charge of the ceremony, and Supervisor T. F. Byington delivered an address on the life of Father McKinnon, his school fellow of days gone by.

Scholarships — John E. Sexton, railroad magnate, who died recently in San Francisco, has provided in his will for a $50,0000 trust fund for three scholarships at the University of Santa Clara. Mr. Sexton stipulated in his will that two of the scholarships must be for residents of El Dorado County, California, and the third for a resident of the State of Nevada.

COLLEGE PARK

Improvements — Extensive improvements are being made on the campus at College Park. The grounds, when the work is completed, will be as beautiful as those of any preparatory school in California. The entire acreage at College Park will be ornamented with shrubbery, trees, and lawns. The material salvaged from the old building will be cleared away to make room for an attractive lawn, which will grace the quadrangle.

Enrollment—The high school at College Park is increasing rapidly in numbers. The Fall semester shows an enrollment of nearly two hundred students. Of this number seventy are boarders, and more than a hundred are day scholars.

ST. IGNATIUS COLLEGE

Golden Jubilee—Fr. Richard A. Gleeson will celebrate on October 2 the golden jubilee of his entrance into the Society.

Enrollment—The total registration of about 850 for the year 1927-1928 has broken all previous records in the history of St. Ignatius College. There are approximately 350 students in the department of Arts and Sciences.

It is expected that late applicants for these schools and for the new evening extension course will soon raise the enrollment to a thousand. The applicants for the bachelor degrees outnumber students in the other divisions by a considerable majority. The candidates for Law and Commerce degrees are equally divided among the eighty freshmen in these two departmnts.

Evening Classes—Evening classes leading to degrees in Arts and Sciences have been opened this year These courses are offered to earnest students who are prevented by work from attending day sessions.

Retreat—The annual three day retreat for the high school was conducted during the latter part of September by Fr. Joseph Stack.

Lecture Series—Fr. D. J. Kavangh gave a series of lectures in St. Ignatius church on the religious situation in Mexico, on the 28th, 29th and 30th of September for the benefit of the Carmelite nuns exiled from Guadalajara, who have receiv-

ed Archbishop Hanna's permission to establish a temporary Carmel in San Francisco.

SEATTLE COLLEGE

School Opening—The opening of the High School Department took place on September 7, with an enrollment of about 150 boys. Of this number fifty-five are in First High. The College opened on September 16, with a small number of Freshmen and Sophomores.

Novitiate Candidates — John H. Taylor and John L. Corrigan, Jr., were guests of the faculty on the evening before they left Seattle to enter the Novitiate at Los Gatos. After dinner they were accompanied by Father Boland to the Bishop's residence where Bishop O'Dea spoke to them fervent words of encouragement and farewell. On the day of their departure the two youths with their parents and near relatives attended Mass in the College chapel. Father Boland delivered a short sermon on the sacredness and greatness of the Divine call. Six former students of Seattle College pronounced their vows at Los Gatos on the Feast of St. Ignatius.

Alterations—Two new classrooms on the second floor and a Physics classroom on the third floor greeted the boys on their return from vacations, instead of the old gymnasium. It is hoped that work will soon be started on a new gymnasium, which at present is a pressing need. Carpenters are at work reshingling the roof of the school building. In the administration building a Fess oil burner has been installed in place of the automatic coal stoker.

YAKIMA

Marquette Hall—Marquette Hall, the Jesuit grade and high school, at Yakima, began its sessions on September 13 with an enrollment exceeding those of previous years. About 250 boys are registered in the different divisions of the school. Of this number about sixty are in the high school department. With a splendid teaching staff and with the co-operation of Yakima residents who have taken considerable interest in the institution, Father Maruca, who is principal of the high school again this year, has sanguine hopes of a successful season.

First High Mass—On September 4, Fr. Francis Gleeson sang his first Solemn High Mass in St. Joseph's church. Prior to his entrance into the Society, Father Gleeson had spent most of his life in this parish. As a boy he attended St. Joseph's academy, and later on Marquette Hall. Assisting Father Gleeson at his first High Mass were Fr. Robert Armstrong, pastor of St. Paul's church, deacon; Father Maruca, sub-deacon, and Fr. C. Brusten, assistant priest. The Right Rev. Msgr. Theodore M. Ryan of Seattle preached an eloquent sermon on the dignity of the Catholic priesthood, bidding the young priest to go forth and join his confreres in the Society to work for the salvation of souls. Msgr. Ryan emphasized the fact that on days like this new courage is found to carry on the work of Catholic education which is the nursery of priestly vocations.

DESMET MISSION

Apostolic Delegate — On Sunday, August 21, the Apostolic Delegate, accompanied by his secretary, Father Daly, and Rev. Fr. Dinand from Mt. St. Michael's, paid us a memorable visit. His Excellency celebrated low Mass at 6:30 and distributed Holy Communion to the Indians. At 10:30 Father Dinand celebrated High Mass in the presence of the Delegate. His Excellency preached an appealing sermon, exhorting the Indians to steadfastness in the Fatih brought to them at the cost of so much labor on the part of the Jesuit Fathers. Father John Post acted as interpreter. After the services His Excellency remained at the altar-rail and blessed individually the 150 or more Indians who had come from all parts to attend the Mass. He remained with us the entire day and again in the afternoon addressed the assembled Coeur d'Alenes, once more expressing his pleasure at the sight of their fidelity. The High Mass was sung by the Indians themselves, much to the surprise of the Apostolic Delegate. At Benediction they also sang the Latin hymns, as well as some to the Sacred Heart and the Blessed Virgin in their native tongue.

Pump House Fire—Just at the time when we most needed water during the harvest, we had the mis-

fortune to lose our pump house, engine and many cords of wood by fire of an unknown origin. Water had been pumped the morning of the fire, and the Brother in charge had left the pump house, which is about a quarter of a mile from the residence, with everything apparently in good order. At 3:00 p. m. smoke was noticed in that direction, but by the time we reached the place it was a mass of flames. Though nearly entirely ysurrounded by wheat fields, the pump house alone was destroyed and the ripe grain was spared. A new engine for pumping and threshing was secured at a very moderate price.

Fr. George J. Kugler is now much better after his protracted illness following the "flu." Fr. Charles Mackin, who has been at Desmet for the last few months recuperating after his long siege in the hospital, is now able to walk with the aid of a cane, and even occasionally without it. After being unable to celebrate Mass for eight months, he offered the Holy Sacrifice for the first time on the 30th of August.

VARIA

Rome, Sept. 19.—Louis Cardinal Billot, S. J., one of the church's most eminent students and writers on dogmatic theology, has petioned the Holy Father to allow him to resign his cardinalate, because of advanced age, and to devote the remainder of his life to writing. His Holiness has granted the petition.

Cardinal Billot will now resume the simple title of "Father Louis Billot" and will retire to the house of his Order. Having reached the age of 81 years, he desires, he informed the Holy Father, to prepare himself for death. It is understood that he will prepare a new edition of his theological works.

Born in France, in 1846, Cardinal Billot has held many high offices in the Church. He was, for years a member of the faculty of the Gregorian University and has lived at Rome since 1885. He was made cardinal in 1911. His writings are widely known and are regarded as authoritative.

As Cardinal, he was a member of the Congregations of the Holy Office, Sacraments, Propagation of the Faith, Religious, Rites and Studies. He also was a member of the Pontifical Commission for the Study of the Bible and was an honorary president of the Roman Pontifical Academy of St. Thomas Aquinas. He was protector of no fewer than 33 different Catholic organizations.

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Exaaten is closed and the German Tertianship will be at Aalbeck, Holland, a few miles from Valkenburg; later on it will be transferred to Munster, Westphalia. The theologate will not be opened at Frankfurt for five or six years and the Philosophers will remain permanently at Valkenburg.

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The will of the late David May of St. Louis, provides a bequest of $10,000 to St. Louis University, the income of which is to be used by the trustees of the University for loans to needy students.

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The new Milford Novitiate, which can accommodate 600, was thrown open for the inspection of the public on August 7

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At the begninning of the year the Society numbered 20,102, of whom 9,417 are priests, 6,263 scholastics and 4,422 brothers. The Assistancies are as follows: Spanish, 4,838; German, 3,822; American, 3,565; English (including Belgian and the two Canadian Provinces), 3,337; French, 2,866; Italian, 1,674. The total increase over last year is 533. Over eleven per cent of the total number are employed on our many missions.

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Msgr. Roche, Bishop of Tuticorin, one of the native bishops of India, says that there are 50,000 conversions a year in his country. The Catholic population of India, Burma, and Ceylon is 3,242,000 souls, with ten archdioceses, twenty dioceses, three vicariates and two apostolic prefectures. The clergy number 3,444 priests, 2,277 of whom are secular and 1,167 religious; there are sixteen missionary congregations, among them the Irish Brothers of St. Patrick. The Bishop declares that the number of yearly conversions could be easily doubled if there were more missionary priests.